



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WINTER HAVEN

## Tower Chimes

Week of May 14, 2017

Issue 627

131 Years of Ministry

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### MOTHER'S DAY IS THIS SUNDAY

We hope you will join us for worship on *Mother's Day, Sunday, May 14* as our congregation celebrates the marvelous gift that God has given us in the world through the loving women in our lives. Help us add your praise to God that day for this blessing.

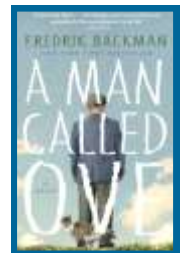


### OUR NEXT ODD MONTH, ODD MONDAY BOOK DISCUSSION IS ALMOST HERE

The next meeting of the OM, OM Book Club is  
**May 15 at 3 pm** in the back of McLeod Hall.

We will enjoy light refreshments and discuss the book  
*A Man Called Ove* by Fredrik Backman.

Reservations are requested to ensure adequate refreshments.  
These may be made through the church office at 294-3121.



### TITLES FOR THE REST OF 2017:

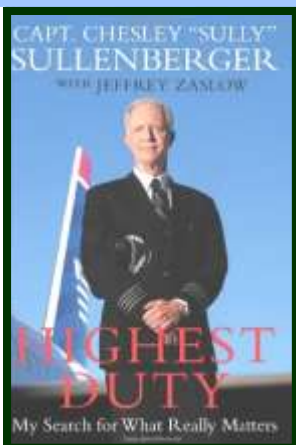
**July 17** *Highest Duty: My Search for What Really Matters*  
by Chesley B. Sullenberger III and Jeffrey Zaslow.

**September 18** *A Cool and Lonely Courage* by Susan Ottaway.

**November 20** *The Santa Claus Man* by Alex Parker.

A copy or copies of the titles should soon be available for check out in the library. If you wish to order a copy you may contact Jonathan or Bethany Owen in the library. Meetings are at 3 p.m. in the back of McLeod Hall.

Reservations are requested to ensure adequate refreshments. These may be made through the Church Office at 294-3121. You are invited to join us in January.



**July 17**

## OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

### Sunday, May 14 MOTHER'S DAY

8:15 a.m. Chapel Worship (Chapel)  
9:15 a.m. The Connection (MH)  
9:30 a.m. Heart of Worship (Sanctuary)  
9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School (CE)  
9:45 a.m. Children Sunday School (CE)  
11:00 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)  
5:30 p.m. HSYG (GC)

### Monday, May 15

8:45 a.m. MOM (CE)  
3:00 p.m. Odd Month, Odd Monday  
Book Discussion (MH)

### Tuesday, May 16

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (MCR)  
12:00 p.m. Men's Lunch (MH)  
12:00 p.m. Finance (UR)  
6:30 p.m. Deacons (GR)

### Wednesday, May 17

8:45 a.m. MOM (CE)  
10:45 a.m. Preschool Music (CE 103)  
11:15 a.m. Preschool Music (CE 103)  
1:30 p.m. Congregational Care (MCR)  
3:00 p.m. Memorial Garden (MCR)  
5:30 p.m. MSYG (GC)  
6:00 p.m. Chancel Bells (MS)  
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir (MS)

### Thursday, May 18

3:00 p.m. Membership (MCR)  
6:30 p.m. Praise & Worship Band (Sanctuary)

### Friday, May 19

8:45 a.m. MOM (CE)

### Saturday, May 20

2:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen Prep (Kitchen)  
4:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen (737)

## PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS

Brenden Anderson	Eddie Gray
Christian Anderson	David Knowles
Karolina Crockett	John Marotti
Samuel Crockett	KaitLin Marotti-Pitts
Zach Drum	Ashton Pitts
Robert Ferguson	Shad Skinner
Stephanie Gillie	Drew Stapor

## Remember in Prayer

### MEMBERS

Roger Able	Jim Huff	Earle Roberts
Maxie Adams	Kathy Jackson	Ed Rounsley
Kathy Andrews	Martha Johnson	Cynthia Saterbo
Bob Beale	Joey Johnston	Marilyn Schleifer
Tom Brackett	Kelly Kennedy	Joyce Shirah
Henry Braun	Peggy Kennedy	Mary Alice, Jaron, Emma, &
Millie Carrier	Toni Krieger	John Skipper
Helen Champlain	Dena Lancashire	Barbara A. Smith
Tom Coffman	Jackie Lawn	Barbara H. Smith
Charlie Darte	Larry Marshall	Scott Strey
Jana & Mike Easterling	Gladys Meier	Pam Tallent-Blackburn
Jeanne Estes	Lynnis Mincey	Carolyn Thompson
Bill Everhart	Bev Morris	MaryBess Thompson &
Margaret Goodman	Joan Murphy	family
Matthew Gray	Nancy Neale	Shirley Turner
Jane Hayman	Elizabeth Peters	Lee Wilkinson
Joyce Hayman	Jackie Pinckney	Marie Williams
Marion Hearn	Al Porter	Nancy Williamson
Frances Heath	Doug Purnell	Judy Winfree
Kay Hedden	Keith Ray	Retha Wright
Doris Hill	Barbara Roberts	
Camille Howe		

IN THE HOSPITAL: Spike Lucia & John Skipper

### Relatives & Friends

Carlotta & Larry Bennett	Bethany Owen's friend
Jewel Bondurant	Gale & Gwen Waters' friend
Tom Brett	Bill & Becky Everhart's friend
Reese Burdette	Dana Cole's cousin
Bruce Connor	Jane Hayman's friend
Florence Curtis	Stephany Alexander's mother
Al Ellis	Jim Threlkel's friend
Raymond Fenstermaker	Gale & Gwen Waters' grandson
Cooper Hicks	Mary Ellen Rowker's friend
Laurie Hunt	Polly Wilson's friend & Morgan Wilson's mother
Julie Jenkins	Gail Van Allen's friend
Pete Kent	Charley & Nancy Chilton's nephew
Mike Lane & family	Jonathan Owen's brother-in-law
Tia Tasso Litz	Bob & Lisa Endres' niece
Sharon Maulden	Judy Winfree's sister
Marilyn Morris	Barbara Puckett's cousin
Marilyn Pierson	John & Marilyn Schleifer's daughter
Madison Ruhl	Mary Ellen Rowker's friend
Susan Taylor	Gannon Olmert's cousin
Lisa Tocci	Lynn Oakley's friend
Kristy Turner	Rick & Pat Reass' daughter
Gary Webb	Mathew Gray's father
Marshall Wood	Jim & Ellie Threlkel's friend



Our Christian sympathy  
goes to  
Cynthia Saterbo,  
on the death of her  
father, Jack Van Hart,  
who died on Thursday,  
April 27, 2017.

Our deepest sympathy  
goes to Kathy Jackson  
on the death  
of her brother,  
Kurt Jackson,  
Wednesday,  
May 3rd, 2017.

# DON'T MISS THE CONNECTION

9:15 – 10:45 a.m.

Fellowship time in McLeod Hall offers a coffee bar type selection with different flavored creamers, pastries, etc. It is a gathering place before (or after) worship, and between worship and Sunday School for some. Hosts circulate in McLeod Hall and the CE Building to greet and assist people in making connections with others in one of the worship or Christian Education options.



## PLEASE JOIN US FOR ONE OF OUR THREE WORSHIP SERVICES



### 8:15 a.m. ~ Chapel Worship

A **traditional worship service** held in our chapel: The service follows the same order as the 11:00 a.m. worship service, but does not have a Chancel Choir. Musical ensembles offer special music on many Sundays. A Time with Younger Disciples is included if we have children in attendance.

### 9:30 a.m. ~ Heart of Worship

A **Praise and Worship service** held in our sanctuary: Along with scripture, sermon, and prayers, the praise band helps the congregation in adoring and showing reverence to God. Following the Time with Younger Disciples, children are invited to join Ms. Lynn in music and then to join in their own Children's Sunday School Classes.

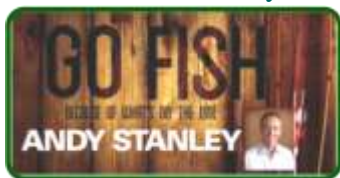
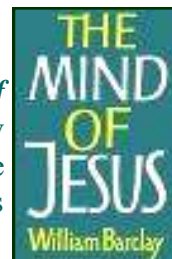
### 11:00 a.m. ~ Sanctuary Worship

A **traditional worship service** held in our sanctuary: The service follows the same order as the 8:15 a.m. Chapel Service, and includes music from the Chancel Choir and the organ, as well as other instruments and groups.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES

### 9:30 a.m. ~ Adult

Please join the Perspectives Class studies at **9:30 a.m.** in the Geneva Room for *The Mind of Jesus* by William Barclay. "Jesus suffered, doubted, hoped, feared, dreamed, wept, knew loneliness, planned, and built. William Barclay achieves in *The Mind of Jesus* his aim "to make the figure of Jesus more vividly alive, so that we may know him better and love him more." This class is facilitated by Dr. Jim Threlkel and Glenn Thomas.



You are invited to join Lia and Jay Gray in Room 207 from **9:30 – 10:30 a.m.** Andy Stanley's DVD will help the class learn a natural way to share our faith, making it an easy part of everyday life. Catch these thought-provoking sessions: Why Fish? . . . Fish Guts . . . Fishing Buddies.

### 9:30 a.m. ~ Children

On Sunday mornings all children age three through fifth grade have a special music time with Ms. Lynn from **9:45 – 10 a.m.**

At **10 a.m.** the **Preschool Children** (ages 3 and 4) meet in Room 101 for their own time of Bible lesson, craft, snack, and playtime.

The **Elementary children** (kindergarten through fifth grade) are invited to experience the Sunday School curriculum called **252 Basics**. This curriculum is designed to provoke discovery and invite kids into a new understanding of how to grow in relationship with Jesus.



**We look forward to you all joining us on Sunday mornings!**





## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Session has called for a Congregational Meeting to be held **Sunday, May 21, at 10:55 a.m.** in the sanctuary to hear the report of the Nominating Committee for the election of Elders, Deacons, and members-at-large to the churchwide Nominating Committee. The following slate will be presented by the Nominating Committee:

### ELDER (Class of 2020)

Richard Baker, Justin Hoagland, Amanda Olmert, Lauren Schwenk, & Mary Bess Thompson.

### DEACON (Class of 2020)

Laura Frost, Cecelia Linn, David Nicholson, Karen Premuto, & Kevin Thomas.

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE (Class of 2018)

Gene Aspy, Gannon Olmert, Jonathan Owen, Peggy Threlkel, & Heather Whitney.

## PIANO RECITAL

We have recently completed the refurbishing of the Steinway piano that is in the chapel. We would love to celebrate the sounds of this beautiful instrument so we are planning a special Steinway piano recital for **June 4<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.** If you are a beginner or advanced student, or just love to play, please contact Lynn at the church and we will include you in the program. If you don't play, please plan on joining us on the 4<sup>th</sup> for a wonderful afternoon of piano music. We'll also be serving tea and dessert!



## WE CAN USE YOUR PHOTOS



Are you tired of seeing the same photos over and over in the Sunday bulletin or photo scrolls, or the Tower Chimes? We are.

Have you seen enough Easter pictures from 2 years ago, the All Church Retreat from 4 years ago, or children/youth from 3 years ago? We have.

We **NEED** your photos from any event(s) that you have attended: FunTimers, soup kitchen, music programs, committee meetings, **ANY** event. It doesn't matter if it is from a camera or cell phone. It matters not if it is your own family or our church family.

If you have just a few, you can e-mail to [office@firstpreswh.org](mailto:office@firstpreswh.org). If you have a lot, put on a flash drive and bring to Connie at the church office. It should take less than 5 minutes to transfer to computer. Be sure to call before coming at 294-3121 to make arrangements.

**Please help add variety to our publications.**

## DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO IS HURTING?

If you know someone--perhaps a friend, neighbor, coworker, or relative--who is going through a difficult time, there's a wonderful way you can help them receive the care and support they need. Tell them about Stephen Ministry! Our Stephen Ministers have received 50 hours of training to provide high quality, confidential, one-to-one, Christian care to hurting people. Stephen Ministers meet weekly with their care receivers to listen, care, encourage, and provide emotional and spiritual support. (Males are matched with males, and females are matched with females.) The caring relationship lasts for as long as the person needs care. It's free, and it's a powerful way you can help a hurting friend.



To learn how to connect someone you know with a Stephen Minister, **call Pat Reass at 206-9914.** Or you can talk with one of our other Stephen Leaders: Alan Harvey, Mary Marrs, Steve Negley, Les O'Neal, Barbara Perkins, or Jean Strang. Our Stephen Ministers are there to care!

## **Nominating Elders and Deacons at First Presbyterian Church of Winter Haven**

As a congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA), First Presbyterian Church of Winter Haven seeks guidance for selecting church officers from the leading of God's Spirit, and through a process outlined in the Book of Order and our own congregation's By-laws. (Book of Order, Form of Government, chapter 2, By-Laws of the Congregation, Article X, of the Nominating Committee.)

The process, from the establishment of the Nominating Committee on through the work of that committee, is interested in the selection of the best possible people to be leaders in the congregation at a particular time. As this committee is considering possible candidates for the offices of elders and deacons, they seek people whose life and character are reflected in the questions they will be asked at the time of ordination. (Book of Order, W-4.4003, where we find the ordination vows for elders and deacons.)

Once the committee has identified people in the congregation who will be able to answer (and live out) the commitment to Christ that is suggested in the ordination vows, the work of the committee shifts to helping maintain a Session and Diaconate that embodies the principles of a fully representative form of church government.

In generations past, when this was not stressed in the Book of Order, sessions and diaconates were exclusively male, and most often dominated by older men. Just looking at our varied and representative Nominating Committee shows what a broadly varied membership we have as a church.

If we want to view our congregation as a combination of children (and they can't hold office), young adults (18-45 yrs of age), middle adults (46-65 years of age), and older adults (ages 66 and up), we might see our session and diaconate this way, with the need for roughly 5 officers in each of the age group brackets.

The task of this year's Nominating Committee was to prepare a slate which contains 5 elders (class of 2020) and 5 deacons (class of 2020), and 5 members from the congregation at large to serve on the church nominating committee in the year 2018. As the elders and deacons elected this year will be serving with those already installed in the classes of 2018 and 2019, the committee had to keep those people in mind in order to maintain an appropriate age and gender balance.

The attached grid shows those in service and the vacant slots that will need to be filled for next year.

## **ELDERS**

(Classes of 2018 and 2019)

For Service in 2018, currently 5 females, 5 males

### **18-45**

Karen King  
Mary Ann Koon

### **46-65**

Andy Ray  
Lori Roe

### **66+**

Richard Dobler  
John Eycleshimer  
John Marchetti  
Nanette Rodgers  
Tom Oldt  
Jane Ray

## **DEACONS**

(Classes of 2018 and 2019)

For service in 2018, currently 5 males, 5 females

### **18-45**

Laura Powell  
Corbin Hart  
George Rowker

### **46-65**

David Fellows  
Judy Denlinger

### **66+**

Nell Speer  
Edwin Smith  
Dave Sqicker  
Jane West  
Ellen Zeller

The Nominating Committee has worked hard to prepare a slate of officers that they feel will be able to serve well as faithful followers of Jesus, and will help our congregation maintain a representative age and gender balance for next year's session and diaconate:

The proposed slate includes:

### **Elders: (Class of 2020)**

Justin Hoagland  
Lauren Schwenk  
Amanda Olmert  
Mary Bess Thompson  
Richard Baker

### **Deacons: (Class of 2020)**

Laura Frost  
Kevin Thomas  
Cecelia Linn  
Karen Premuto  
David Nicholson

### **Nominating Committee: (At-large Class of 2018)**

Peggy Threlkel  
Jonathan Owen  
Gene Aspy  
Heather Whitney  
Gannon Olmert



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR VBS AVALANCHE RANCH!

**June 18 - 22 from 6:15 to 8:30 p.m.**

Mary Marrs & Katie Sparr are VBS directors this year and they need YOU to join us for our Wild Ride Through God's Word!



Visit the VBS Round-up in McLeod Hall during The Connection to chat with Mary Marrs and Katie Sparr about joining the VBS crew as a volunteer!

## KIDZ SUMMER ESCAPE

**Tuesdays & Thursdays  
8:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m.**

**4 weeks of fun activities for ages 3 - 6.**

**June 27 & 29; July 11 & 13;  
July 18 & 20; July 25 & 27.**

Donation:

\$130 for the 4-week session.

Registration is April 17 thru May 17. A \$50 deposit due at registration. We must have at least 20 children registered to offer this program.

Questions? Please e-mail Evelyn McMullen at:  
[dce@firstpreswh.org](mailto:dce@firstpreswh.org).



## ANGELS CARE CENTER OF ELOISE- Angel Collection Box Needs

There is an ongoing need for the following items to give out at the Angels Care Center. Please leave items in the Angel Collection Box in McLeod Hall. Thank YOU, and God Bless!!!

**First Aid Kits:** washcloths, band-aids, wet wipes, small soaps, small antibacterial soap, Q-tips, small packets of antibiotic ointment, etc.

**Children's "Jesus Kits":** coloring sheets with Biblical themes, crayons, scripture/song cards (simple and short for children), small books, stickers, etc.

**Toiletry Kits:** shampoo, soap, deodorant, razors, feminine products, combs, washcloths, hand gel, lotion, toothbrush and toothpaste, small samples from hotel/motels, etc.

**Miscellaneous:** zip lock bags (gallon, quart and snack size).



## JOIN ONE OF OUR YOUTH GROUPS

If you are a middle or high school student, we would love for you to join us for youth group each week in our youth house, The Golden Center. **Middle School** meets each **Wednesday night from 5:30-7:30** and **High School** meets each **Sunday night from 5:30-7:30**. During this time we spend time together sharing meals, growing in Christ, playing games, and having LOTS of fun!



Once a month we meet outside the Golden Center to be the hands and feet of Jesus to help people in our community. We have laid sod for Habitat for Humanity, worked in our soup kitchen feeding the homeless, and bagged countless lunches for our bag lunch ministry. These are just a few ways we are the hands and feet of Jesus.

Sometimes we get together simply to have fun. We have been to the corn maze in the dark, Fun Spot, pool parties, camp outs, paint balling, and so much more. Upcoming events being planned are: a Chain of Lakes canoe cookout and Ice Skating. If you are looking to connect with young people your age while developing a deep relationship with Christ, come and join us. We would love to have you!

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## Our Purpose Statement

As a congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA), First Presbyterian Church of Winter Haven exists to show God's kingdom to the world as we...

*Share the good news of what God has done in Jesus Christ*

*Develop and nurture God's children into disciples*

*Provide a place and a program for praising God*

*Live our lives according to the Word, guided by the Spirit*

*Commit to justice for all God's people.*

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### Bag Lunch Ministry

We gave out 230 bag lunches  
the week of 5/1/17.

### Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 53 people on 5/6/17.

## *F unT imers*



Our next gathering is **Wednesday, May 17 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.** We will gather in McLeod Hall then travel to Lakeland for lunch at **Reececliff Family Diner** "serving great southern food and 'out-of-this-world' pies for nearly 80 years."

From Reesecliff we will go tour the beautiful  
**Hollis Gardens on Lake Mirror.**

The only cost is the purchase of your lunch.

## *F unT imers* **WILL HAVE MOVIE NIGHT**

**Tuesday Evening, June 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm**

Join us in McLeod Hall for "An Old Fashioned Movie Night" featuring **Sights and Sounds** presents "Noah" and experience the wonder of this amazing Biblical drama.

Enjoy hot Popcorn, Soda Pop and Candy.

Admission: 50 cents for adults and 25 cents for children.

